

He urged the men, if they would make 1902 the best year of their life, not to depend on themselves alone, but look to a higher power. Self reaches a point where further progress is impossible. Power is needed, the Word must be used, and a boundless faith is necessary. Prof. Furry, our president, is untiring in the work.

The first G. E. Meeting of the New Year was led by Wm. Beachler in his usual inspiring way. We are rejoiced to have him with us again. More than fifty were present. The December offering for missions was taken and amounted to nearly \$4. The officers of the society were re-elected for the next six months.

It is not too late to enter college for this term's work. Any young people who have no special work for these Winter days are urged to make the best use of them by spending them in school. Never will they be sorry for having done so. There are many young men and young women thru out the brotherhood who ought to be here feasting on good things and preparing for greater usefulness.

GEORGE C. CARPENTER.

Goshen, Ind.

Our cause here is gaining, but not so rapidly as it should. There is more indifference, or carelessness, or laziness, or something, among our people of Elkhart county than any where else that I know of. There are causes for it, many, and of long standing. Nothing but time will prove the falsity of some things, and righteous lives, of others. Three Brethren preachers have moved their families to Goshen, and the preachers come home once and a while to visit. I told them the other day we would have to do something, or all get out.

Our revival meeting will begin here Tuesday evening, Feb. 11. Hear ye, Hear ye, The announcement is now made! Will you help, Brethren? Will you try to interest others? Many who once were faithful are lost. How do you know? Because they have quit praying, quit singing, quit assembling themselves together, and have not a cent of money for the Lord's cause. Do you think the Lord will put a priceless crown and spotless robe on such people? Why should He? Those whom John saw were such as came up *thru great tribulation*, and *"overcame"* their sins. Many now are going up *thru* beer fume and tobacco smoke, and *have been overcome* by their sins. Do you think the Lord will take such unto Himself? Not by a single promise.

Our business meeting yesterday was attended by the old and substantial members. Bro. Menaugh was present to assist. The church decided to go on with the building. A building committee, and soliciting committee were selected. This is a great field for the Brethren. It is a strategic point. For the past month I have been raising money for other general work, and I am not thru yet, when I felt that every dollar could be used here, even to a better advantage. I shall not make a public appeal for help. *As a rule*, it is not a good thing for the general church to give money for church buildings. Every congregation can get a building about as soon as it is able to use it, and the *getting of it* is worth far more to the church than the building itself. It would be a very good thing, however, to have a fund from which loans could be made to worthy churches.

Mexico, Ind.

After closing my meeting at Mexico on Friday evening I went back on the following Tuesday evening. On Christmas day at twelve, noon, occurred the wedding of Truman G. Murden and Miss Edith Barnhart. Many of our brethren know George Barnhart and Edith is an only daughter. She is a member of the church and her husband is one of the successful teachers of the county. There were about one hundred people present and the young couple were the recipients of many beautiful presents.

On Thursday and Friday evenings I preached in

the Mexico church on the Lord's Supper, discussing the following propositions: The Lord's Supper is a meal. It is to be observed in the evening of the day. It is not the Bread and Wine or communion. It is not the Jew's Passover. There were three confessions at these meetings—people whose influences will tell much for the church.

On Sunday evening after the services the congregation raised fifty dollars for the Chicago church. Twenty dollars of this had been advanced at the Warsaw conference by the delegates. With the ten dollars sent in by Sister Manse this makes sixty dollars for the Mexico church.

The question has been asked, "What are the Indiana churches doing?" People should think before casting a reflection. Remember that large sums of money have been raised every year at our general Conferences and that two-thirds or more of the people there are Indiana people. It would be strange under such conditions if Indiana was not doing her part. Brethren, take out of your accounts what has come from Indiana for the last five years and see what you have left.

G. W. RENCH.

Notice to the Churches of Ohio

At the last State Conference, held at Bryan, O., June 6 to 9th, the delegates representing the churches unanimously agreed to raise \$400 for the support of the Ohio State Mission work the coming year. The following motion was also passed: "That a committee of three be appointed to apportion the churches with a view of raising \$400 for missionary money." This committee made a report which was also adopted.

Now, brethren of the several churches, take notice that the first six months of the conference year have passed and only one-fifth of the amount asked for has been received. Of the twenty-five churches who were asked to contribute to this fund thus far only seven have sent in any money at all. Only one church has raised its full quota.

Will the churches of Ohio come up to the next conference at Ashland with such a record? And will our work have to suffer loss which such refusal to help support it will bring upon it? Surely we will not allow this. The treasurer does not have sufficient funds on hands to meet the present month's expenses by forty dollars. May we not have liberal collections from all the congregations soon? If your pastor does not find time to present this work surprise him by raising the amount privately.

I will again give the amounts apportioned to the several churches:

Ashland,	\$36 00	Pleasant Hill	\$12 00
Homer,	21 00	Fair Haven,	21 00
Louisville,	26 00	Zion Hill,	13 00
N. Georgetown,	16 00	Middlebranch	21 00
Bryan,	11 00	Morrison's Grove	6 00
W. Independence,	6 00	Bethesda,	11 00
Williamstown,	13 50	Gretna,	13 50
North Liberty,	13 50	Ankneytown,	21 00
Glenford,	17 50	Buckeye City,	13 50
Fairview,	26 00	Mt. Zion,	6 00
Miamisburg,	19 00	Winchester,	19 00
W. Alexandria,	13 50	Bear Creek,	21 00
Farmersville, \$9 00			

The Board is helping support the work in Dayton, and also at Troy and Mansfield. If the churches wish this work to be continued they must support it. Will you not come to our help?

Yours fraternally,

E. J. WORST, Treasurer,
Ashland, Ohio.

Report of the Pa. State Evangelist for December

Our work this month has been confined to Calvary, McAllisterville and McVeytown. This month's work does not show on paper quite as well as last month, but the good to the church in general far excels last month. Nine members have been added and six reclaimed making a total of 15. The spiritual status of a few places has been greatly increased, (specially at McVeytown

where, after placing in window lights and assisting in setting up furnace, we began a two weeks' meeting. A few nights we were frozen out, and one night we were smoked out (literally), but the people stood by us as did the Lord also until thru persistent effort and advertising we increased our audience from 12 to a house full of people. The last night of meeting more people were present I am told than had been present at one time for four years. Four publicly confessed Christ and will be baptized soon. A number renewed their covenant; others were near the kingdom. McVeytown is not dead by any means, and if the members there hold on to God they will yet succeed. Song evangelist Hogue did us much good in the meeting. We have secured the M. E. church at McAllisterville where we hope to begin a meeting soon. We found faithful members there.

E. H. SMITH.

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